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ONTARIO DIE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

LEBANON – Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Commissioner Michael Magill, on behalf of Governor Don Sundquist, today re-certified the SHARP Award for Ontario Die of Lebanon. The **Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)** Award is one of the state's highest honors for workplace safety and health.

Ontario Die, which produces dies for cutting softgoods, was the fifth company in the state to receive the SHARP Award. The award was presented in June 2000.

Commissioner Magill congratulated Dieter Kroger, Plant Manager, and the Ontario Die Team during the ceremony held at the Lebanon facility. "Programs like the SHARP Award are crucial to protecting Tennessee's 2.8 million workers. Employer participation reiterates our commitment to making Tennessee a safer place to work and a more desirable place to live."

Designed for the smaller employers (employing less than 250) in high-hazard industrial classifications, the program provides incentives and support for companies that are approved for participation. The main objective of SHARP is to recognize those employers who work with their employees to produce, execute, and enhance a safety and health program, resulting in a better workplace for all.

The main incentive for participation in the SHARP program is the desire by employers to promote a safe and healthy workplace. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of twelve months. TOSHA consultants work with companies to develop, implement, and continually improve workplace safety and health programs. The goal of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is good jobs, safe workplaces, and profitable, productive companies.

For more information on the SHARP Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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